

"The 5:14 Journey"
Take the Next Step
Week 2: "Love Prays"

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Talk together about the glory of God's kingdom. —*Psalm 145:11*
Love the Lord your God and **walk** in all his ways. —*Joshua 22:5*

Questions for Reflection

- When is the first time you recall praying? For what did you pray? What happened next?
Who has prayed most for you? Why do you think they did that? What happened as a result?
Who have you most prayed for? Why was their situation so important to you? What happened next?
- What discourages you in prayer? What do you think might be some solutions for that?
- Is "no" an answer? (No, it's not a **satisfying** answer—but is it a **legitimate** answer?) Why or why not?
Why might a loving God say "no" to a request? (Why do we say "no" to our children?)
- What promise does 1 John 5:14 make? What condition does it require (notice the word "if")?
What promise does 1 John 5:15 make? What condition does it require (notice the word "if")?
Now, put those two verses together and state your "theology of prayer".

Application-Challenge

Who needs your prayer now?

- Pray for your "neighbor". Seek to discern their needs; later jot them down, and pray! If your friend is particularly receptive, offer to pray for them that moment. Don't forget to ask for updates the next time you see them.
- Walk around your neighborhood and silently pray for salvation for each home you pass.
- Invite them to be your guest at TCC's Food Truck Rodeo July 15th. Pray they'll join you.
- Tell us your stories—and hear from others. On Facebook, Twitter, or Instagram, use #TCC514. If you prefer e-mail, send your stories to TCC514@tcc.org.

Take One Step: *"Yes ~ I'm in! This week I'll pray for a 'neighbor' every day."*

Signature: _____

Sermon Summary

"The 5:14 Journey—Take the Next Step"

Galatians 5:14 teaches us that: *"The whole law can be summed up in this one command: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.' "*

What is "The 5:14 Journey"? Christians are called to love our neighbors. Our vision is to constantly and continually build redemptive relationships with our neighbors. A "neighbor" is anyone we're around where we live or work, at the gym or pool, the parents of our children's friends and teammates; cashiers at stores we frequent, the mailman, trashman, or FedEx deliveryman—*literally anyone* with whom we regularly come in contact.

For many of us, knowing how to love our neighbor doesn't come naturally; we need help learning how. We also need encouragement, and it's very motivational when there's a ground-swell of many people taking similar faith-steps together. So this summer we're devoting four weeks to try as a church to take the next step—whatever that may be—to "love our neighbor". We believe that God will be glorified and we will be encouraged as together we focus on loving our neighbors.

How will we do this? Each week the sermon will focus on an element of love: love speaks, love prays, love welcomes, love serves, and love witnesses. Each of these elements will be illustrated with real-life stories from our TCC family. Then, each of us will return to our neighborhoods with an assignment which is within our reach—yet which will stretch our faith. Our assignments will focus on building relationships. They will not be random or anonymous acts, but person-to-person connections. Already feeling stretched?! Not to worry—the 5:14 Journey is just four weeks long. We can do this!

What will be the result? Well, for starters, our neighbors will be loved! And God will be glorified. And us?—we'll experience joy. Philippians 2:2 teaches that our joy becomes "complete" when we are "intent on one purpose". So, expect increased faith, boldness, and others-centeredness. In some cases, the *ultimate* act of love—evangelism—will no doubt also take place.

Ready? Since "love prays", this week as you take your walk in the "neighborhood" pray silently for your neighborhood. If you see anyone you already know, stop, chat, and seek to discern their prayer needs. If you meet someone new—learn their name and when you get home, jot down what you learned about them. Each day, pray for them briefly. ***Love prays—it's that simple!***

Talking To God About This Week's Message

"Heavenly Father, today I want to be a 'doer' of the Word, and not just a 'hearer'. Amen."

Talking To Others About This Week's Message

If a neighbor or friend at work asked you, *"What kind of stuff do they talk about at your church?"*, how would you summarize the most important elements of this week's sermon and the key lessons you intend to apply to your life? Can you explain it in ***plain language*** anyone could understand?

Digging Deeper in Your Daily Quiet Time

"Five Question Bible Study" (see page below) is a simple way to study any passage.
We can use it to explore the ways that "love prays"...

Monday— Philippians 4:6-7

Tuesday— 1Thessalonians 5:16-18

Wednesday— 1 John 5:14-15

Thursday— Romans 12:12

Friday— Matthew 6:7-8

Saturday— ***In preparation for worshipping your risen Lord tomorrow with your church family,*** study Luke 5:27-29.

Need blank copies for doing more
"Five Question Bible Study"?
e-mail: Dan.Clement.TCC@gmail.com

Bible Text: _____

Date: _____



What idea particularly strikes me from this text? [Note in which verse(s) is it found.]



What question

is text answer it?



What about

relates to this text?



What action must I take as a result of this text? Be concrete and specific.



With whom will I share what I learned from this text?

